(d) The new rail connectivity proposals in Rajasthan announced in Budget 2009-10 are at survey stage. Further action will be taken for processing the proposals for approval once the surveys are completed.

Rail lines in Orissa

251. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fate of Talcher-Bimlagarh Khordha-Bolangir Road-Dhanmendal Paradip Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted for Orissa projects for 2007 and 2008 have not been fully utilized and the work of 2009 have not yet been started;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Railways is considering to survey the proposal of Railway link to Dhamara port from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road *via* Baitarani-Navi Gaya Jajpur and Aradi to nationally famous Hindu pilgrims places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) In Talcher-Bimlagarh New Rail Link, detailed estimate has been sanctioned and bridgework etc has been taken up between Km 0 to Km 25. Earthwork could not be taken up due to non- availability of land. Requisition for 52 villages including forest land has been filed for land acquisition. Special Land Acquisition Officer has been appointed and land acquisition has been taken up.

Khurda Road-Bolangir New Rail line is planned to be completed in five phases. Work has been taken up between Khurda Road to Begunia (36 Km) which is likely to be completed by February 2011.

Dhanmendal-Paradip: There is no sanctioned work by this name. However, the work of Haridaspur - Paradeep New Broad Gauge line has been sanctioned and the work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

(b) and (c) Works on projects in Orissa are progressing. The funds allotted for Orissa projects for 2007 and 2008 have not been fully utilized due to various factors *e.g.* land acquisition, law & order, slow progress by contractors, formation of Special Purpose Vehicle, rise in steel prices and other allied factors.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Pending accident claims in tribunals

252. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accident claims pending as on 1st November, 2009 with various Accident Claims Tribunal, Tribunal-wise;